

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicants : Stuart Fraser, *et al.*
Application No. : 09/593,554 Confirmation No.: 7904
Filed : June 14, 2000 Group Art Unit: 3628
Title : SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ELECTRONIC TRADING
THAT PROVIDE INCENTIVES AND LINKED AUCTIONS
Examiner : Narayanswamy Subramanian

Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2006 in the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3938.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.